(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The State of Tamil Nadu has been assisted under the scheme, "Assistance to State Poultry Farms". The scheme is aimed for rural backyard poultry development and 2 farms at Katupakkam, Kanchipuram districts and Hosur, Krishnagiri district have been assisted. The farms have been assisted during 2004-05 for Rs. 99.756 lakhs in total for both the farms.

Survey to assess crop production

2065. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have done any survey to assess as to which crops are produced in excess and which ones are produced less than the domestic demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would set up regional cells to inform the farmers about the crops that would be in demand in the coming years so that they can go in for such crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Opening of Agricultural Research Institute in Rajasthan

†2066. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agro-climatic zones which exist in Rajasthan;

(b) whether it is a fact that seed, fertilizer and agricultural processes of one zone cannot be duplicated in another zone;

(c) whether there is any plan to open an agricultural research institute, keeping in view the conditions of Rajasthan; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) As per Planning Commission of India, there are following four agro-climatic zones:-

1. Western Dry Region.

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2. Central Plateau and Hill Regions.

3. Trans Gangetic Plains Region.

4. Western Plateau and Hills Region.

(b) Yes, Sir. Seed, fertilizer and agricultural processes are location specific. In some cases the recommendations of the neighbouring zone can be adopted after proper testing.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) There are 6 Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes and 9 Regional Stations of ICAR Institutes. In addition, there are two State Agricultural Universities already working to develop need based and location based technologies as per Statement enclosed.

Statement

ICAR Institutes and State Agricultural Universities in Rajasthan

(I) INSTITUTES/REGIONAL STATION OF ICAR INSTITUTES

(A) ICAR Institutes located in Rajasthan (6)

i. Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur
ii. Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar
iii. National Research Centre on Camel, Bikaner
iv. Central Institute of Arid Horticulture, Bikaner
v. National Research Centre on Seed Spices, Ajmer
vi. National Research Centre on Rapeseed-Mustard, Bharatpur

(B) Regional Station of ICAR Institutes

i. Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) Regional Research Station, Jaisalmer
ii. Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) Regional Research Station, Bikaner
iii. Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) Regional Research Station, Pali (Marwar)
iv. Central Soil and Water Conservation Research & Training Institute (CSWCR & TI) Research Centre, Kota
v. National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP) Regional Research Centre, Udaipur

vi. National Research Centre for Equine Regional Station, Bikaner

vii. Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute (CSWRI) Arid Regional Station, Bikaner

viii. Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI) Regional Station, Avikanagar

ix National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) Regional Station, Jodhpur

(II) STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES

i. Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner

ii. Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur

Loss to farmers of AP due to Bt. Cotton of Monsanto

†2067. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers of Andhra Pradesh suffered loss of crores of rupees due to varieties of Bt. Cotton of American Company, Monsanto;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has requested the company to pay compensation of 4.5 crore rupees to farmers;

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to impress upon the company to pay compensation to the farmers; and

(d) the arrangement made by Government to ban the entry of Bt. Cotton in the country keeping in view the loss being suffered by farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has reported large scale complaints in respect of Bt. Cotton hybrids MECH-12 of M/s Mahyco-Monsanto which had not performed in the Warrangal District and in some pockets of other Districts in Kharif-2004 causing losses to the Bt. Cotton growers.

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